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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN APPENDIX C SCHEDULES - "F" VISAS

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1. SUMMARY: REFTEL AUTHORIZED ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO STUDENTS OF VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IRAQ. USINT FEELS THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD SEEK SOME MEASURE OF RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FOR AMCITS SEEKING IRAQI VISAS. END SUMMARY.

2. SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND THEIR DEPENDENTS RESIDENT IN IRAQ WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM RECEIPT OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO IRAQ. BUSINESSMEN WITH RECURRING TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS MUST NOW SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME, OFTEN IN VAIN, APPLYING FOR SINGLE ENTRY VISAS, THE ONLY TYPE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED TO USINT AND FOR OTHER OFFICIAL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE RECURRING NEED TO VISIT THE POST, SUCH AS THE REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

3. USINT HAS INFORMALLY BROACHED THE SUBJECT OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS WITH MFA OFFICE OF PROTOCOL.

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PREDICTABLY, THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER AT THIS TIME. USINT SYMPATHIZES WITH IRAQI STUDENTS WHO MUST APPLY FOR RENEWALS OF F VISAS EACH YEAR THEY RETURN TO IRAQ, AND WE WOULD IN PRINCIPLE LIKE TO ELIMINATE THIS PART OF OUR VISA WORK LOAD IN PEAK SUMMER MONTHS. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT USG SHOULD NOT GIVE UP THIS CHIP WITHOUT RECEIVING

CONCESSIONS IN RETURN.

4. IT MAY WELL BE THAT TIME HAS COME TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON VISA ISSUE AND STRIKE FOR RECIPROCAL GRANT OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO STUDENTS, BUSINESSMEN AND DIPLOMATS. RECIPROCITY FOR STUDENTS ONLY WOULD BE MEANINGLESS, SINCE THE FLOW IS ENTIRELY ONE WAY. THE ONE IRAQI GOVERNMENT ENTITY WHICH FEELS THE PRESENT PINCH OF THE VISA SHOE IS THE IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON WHICH DEALS WITH THE PROBLEMS OF IRAQI STUDENTS AND THE TRAVEL NEEDS OF IRAQI DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. SINCE THE NUMBER OF IRAQI VISA RECIPIENTS FAR EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS, THE NEW CHIEF OF THE IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A STRONG CASE TO HIS GOVERNMENT FOR EASING VISA RESTRICTIONS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS.

5. ACTIONS REQUESTED:
FOR VO: PLEASE DELETE IRAQ FROM LIST OF COUNTRIES IN REFTEL AND INFORM ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS.
FOR VO AND NEA/ARN: PLEASE CONSIDER PROPOSING TO IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION A RECIPROCAL EASING OF PRESENT RESTRICTIONS AGAINST MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS.
PENDING FURTHER WORD FROM DEPARTMENT, USINT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ISSUE MULTIPLE F VISAS.
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